

Appl. No. 10/708,619
Amdt. Dated September 12, 2005
Reply to Office action of 08/15/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs.

Response:

5 Claim 14 has been cancelled and is no longer in need of consideration.

2. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchida et al. (US '689) or Tomaru (JP '180) in view of Matsumura (US '686).

10 **Response:**

 Claim 14 has been cancelled and is no longer in need of consideration.

3. Allowance of claims 2-4 and 9-12.

15 **Response:**

 The applicant notes the allowance of all pending claims other than claim 14. The examiner has written that claim 1 is allowed, but claim 1 was cancelled in the amendment filed on July 7, 2005. Therefore, the applicant believes that the allowed claims in this application are currently numbered as claims 2-4 and 9-12.

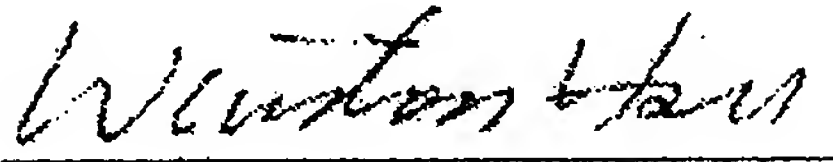
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 Since all pending claims have been indicated as allowable, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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